



**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 19, 2019**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Georgia Hanigan, Commissioner, Payette County  
Nate Marvin, Commissioner, Washington County  
Tom Dale, Commissioner, Canyon County  
Kelly Aberasturi, Commissioner, Owyhee County  
Viki Purdy, Commissioner, Adams County  
Sam Summers, MD, Physician Representative  
Bryan Elliott, Commissioner, Gem County

**STAFF MEMBERS:**

Nikole Zogg  
Doug Doney  
Patty Foster  
Katrina Williams  
Carol Julius  
Brian Crawford

**GUESTS:** Emily Geary, Patty Kennings, Ricky Bowman, Jami Delmore

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER -- CHAIR**

Chairman Bryan Elliott called the business meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

Chairman Bryan Elliott asked for additional agenda items. Nikki asked for an addition to her Director's Report to include an update on a pending lawsuit.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Meeting attendees participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present for the comment period.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES**

Board members reviewed meeting minutes from the meeting held February 26, 2019.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dale moved to approve the February 26, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Hanigan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 26, 2019**

Board members reviewed meeting minutes from the special Board of Health meeting held February 6, 2019.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hanigan moved to approve the February 6, 2019 special Board of Health meeting minutes. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT:**

Patty Foster presented the February 2019 revenue and expenditure report.

Commissioner Elliott asked if there are any other funds that may come into the medical shelter or ReadyKamp funds. Patty explained that out of district funds we can contribute about \$7,000 that the Public Health Preparedness and Response (PHPR) program will need to operate the ReadyKamp program this summer.

### **SPECIAL REPORT: PARENTS AS TEACHERS**

Patty Kennings, Parents as Teachers (PAT) Program Manager, presented an update on the PAT program. The program is an evidence-based curriculum very well known in the Eastern part of the country much like Head Start is in this part of the country. It began in the 1980s in Missouri. Researchers enrolled more than 17,000 parents and children in similar programs to measure the impact of the model. These studies found that families and children participating in the program have fewer cases of suspected abuse, higher immunization rates, and earlier detection of developmental delays.

In District 3, the program is funded through the state appropriated funds and focuses on families who are expecting a baby or have a child birth to three years of age. Parent educators help parents understand the impact of their child's experiences on their lives. Home visiting professionals undergo training to teach how their own adverse child experiences may affect their parenting and ultimately their children. The PAT program instructors need to complete a one-week training to be certified to provide instruction.

### **STATEWIDE FULL SCALE MEDICAL COUNTER MEASURE EXERCISE REPORT**

Ricky Bowman, Public Health Preparedness and Response (PHPR) Manager, explained the upcoming 2019 Medical Countermeasure Full Scale Exercise. This exercise occurs every 5 years to demonstrate the capability to respond to an event that requires mass distribution of medical supplies. The exercise will involve a threat of anthrax, which will trigger a theoretical shortage of prophylaxis in the community. Due to the shortage, a mock request of Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) resources will be made. These assets will be transported to the Idaho State Liquor Dispensary.

Ricky discussed the two different types of points of dispensing (PODs) – open and closed. The closed PODs are not open to the public but are for larger facilities that house many different people such as colleges, universities, and hospitals. The closed PODs can receive the medication and administer it through their own POD within their own facility. This reduces the number of people coming through an open POD and allows the facility to manage the distribution within their own population. Closed POD agreements are established with all universities within our jurisdiction including Canyon County Paramedics and Weiser Memorial.

Lastly, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) is a federal grant larger metro areas like us receive. The funding supports efforts to coordinate and respond to events affecting large populations.

Ricky encouraged Board members to come to the POD on April 25th at the location previously occupied by Burlington Coat Factory inside the Karcher Mall between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to observe the operations.

### **CRISIS CENTER UPDATE**

Cristina Froude, Crisis Center Project Manager, updated Board members on the progress of the Western Idaho Community Crisis Center. The grand opening is slated for April 22, 2019. The center will open to provide services on April 23, 2019. Board members are invited to attend and can expect invitation letters to be sent out.

Cristina is still actively pursuing donations for some of the needs of the crisis center. She is meeting with the general manager at RC Willey and a few other companies who may be willing to assist with donations.

#### **FEE SCHEDULE – ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH FEES**

Brian Crawford presented the fee schedule for Environmental and Community Health Services. Board members discussed the first page of the fee schedule and discussed the implementation date.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dale moved to accept the new fees with one change of implementation of solid waste fees to coincide with the federal fiscal year, October 1, 2019. Commissioner Marvin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **FEE SCHEDULE – CLINICS**

Carol Julius, Clinics Division Administrator, explained several new fees for skin lesions. The rest of the fees remain the same as approved last year.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Aberasturi moved to approve the six new clinic fees to be included with the fees charged in the past for the clinical services. Dr. Summers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION ISSUE - WEISER**

Jami Delmore, Environmental Health Supervisor, provided an update on some potential groundwater contamination issues near a feedlot in Weiser. She explained that disposal of a large amount of onions a few years ago also may be contributing. The most recent retest of the water shows the nitrate level at 90 mg/liter. Jami has checked with other agencies regarding the monitor wells to establish the history of the readings.

City of Weiser owns the well at the airport and is aware of the issue. Jami explained that once information is compiled she anticipates sending a warning letter out to property owners potentially impacted by the high nitrate levels. Livestock is calving right now and the contaminant levels are high especially for the calves.

Jami discussed high levels of arsenic, uranium, and sulfates as well in some of the surrounding areas. Board members discussed how long the infusion of nitrates into the water will contaminate the water source.

Private wells in the state of Idaho do not have testing requirements. An annual free nitrate screening is provided for private well/spring owners.

#### **MEASLES UPDATE**

Jami Delmore, Environmental Health Supervisor, updated Board members on the recent measles outbreaks. In New York City, 158 cases have been confirmed this year. In Washington State, up to 74 cases have been confirmed. There are still no reported cases in Idaho.

#### **FACILITY REPAIR GUIDANCE**

Doug Doney discussed issues with the stucco exterior at several of the Caldwell SWDH locations at the warehouse and the main building. Cracks began to appear in the stucco about six months after the building was constructed. Doug estimated that 25% of the building has significant stucco cracks.

Based on the research completed and discussions with three or four contractors the warehouse (approximately 10,000 square feet) exterior stucco finish repair will cost approximately \$64,000. Brian Mohr, SWDH Building Superintendent, has talked to several contractors and the general contractor who oversaw the construction of the Caldwell property. Legal counsel for SWDH looked at the contracts and based on case law and research there is a five-year period that the contractor can be liable.

Board members discussed the possibility of replacing the stucco exterior with metal siding. Board members directed Doug to initiate conversations with contractors and possibly use a Request for Quote (RFQ) or Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Commissioner Dale suggested talking to Paul Navarro.

Action item: Doug will come back next month with more information from Jordan-Wilcomb and information from other contractors. The repairs will need to go out for bid.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **IADBH Resolutions**

Public health directors are currently working on changes to resolutions prior to the annual Idaho Association of District Boards of Health (IADBH) and Nikki explained to board members the topic areas include a resolution for consideration around home visiting. Southwest District Health has two home visiting programs and those are funded through district dollars with a federal dollar match as well as state appropriated funding. There are several states in the country that have found other ways to fund home visiting through partnerships with hospitals, Medicaid, state plan amendments or waivers. Nikki is proposing that the districts look at different funding opportunities to increase the reach of the services and sustain the programs.

The other public health directors are developing resolutions pertaining to senior cognitive health, suicide prevention, and e-cigarettes. These resolutions will be brought forward for consideration by the board at next month's meeting.

Looking forward to the next legislative session Nikki suggested working to identify areas where we may want to advocate for support. Commissioner Dale mentioned that data are beginning to show a correlation between heavy marijuana use and incidences of mental health based on an article he recently read. He asked that Nikki draft a resolution regarding marijuana sales and use.

### **Legislative Update**

The Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC) approved the general fund request for state appropriation funding for the seven health districts.

A millennium fund of \$768,900 was appropriated to the health districts and will also go through a distribution formula decided by the trustees.

The joint appropriation request by District 3 and District 4 to help develop the regional collaborative community health team for the ten-county region was approved in the amount of \$119,400.

An appropriation of \$136,500 to be divided seven ways equally amongst the health districts for use to support the citizen review panel. Each health district will receive approximately \$19,500.

A separate appropriation bill to support the ongoing expansion of home visiting programs was approved by JFAC. Southwest District Health expects to receive approximately \$300,000 of the \$1.6 million appropriation.

Crisis centers were fully funded by JFAC. Nikki spoke with Representative Youngblood who explained language was included to support use of a portion of the state appropriated dollars to move to Medicaid so crisis centers could seek reimbursement and have federal Medicaid dollars to help support moving sustainability of the centers forward.

### **IADBH – June 19-20, 2019 – Lewiston, ID**

Registration forms are due to Katrina by Friday, May 3, 2019.

**Lawsuit**

Patty briefed board members on a lawsuit filed against SWDH. Patty talked with the Plaintiff the day he fell when he called and asked for money to cover medical bills. The Attorney General's office was very thorough in responding to the lawsuit.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:47 a.m. Chairman Elliott made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hanigan. Roll call taken.

At 12:12 p.m. Commissioner Hanigan made a motion to go out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Purdy.

No decision was made.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Nikole Zogg  
Secretary to the Board

Approved as written:



Bryan Elliott  
Chairman

Dated: April 23, 2019